

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**May 20, 2003**

**FROM: MICHAEL A. RAMOS**  
District Attorney

**SUBJECT: APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING TO FUND THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MAJOR NARCOTIC VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve grant application to the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) for continued grant funding of the Major Narcotic Vertical Prosecution Program (MNVP) program for FY 2003-04 in the amount of \$169,818.
2. Adopt resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign and submit the application on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Chapter 1424, Statutes of 1984 and Penal Code Section 13880 et. seq. provide for implementation of a program which assists District Attorneys' Offices in the vertical prosecution of producers and sellers of drugs. The authorizing legislation was amended by Assembly Bill (AB) 2313, Chapter 306, Statute of 1987 in order to address the serious financial impact of major narcotic vendors in California's counties. The State provides funding to counties with the greatest need and the amount received by each county is based on population and crime index statistics. The Office of the District Attorney has had a MNVP grant program for more than a decade.

The grant funds two experienced Deputy District Attorneys who prosecute major narcotics manufacturers and traffickers countywide. Only cases involving the highest level of traffickers are accepted into the program. The program averages 40 cases in progress at any given time during the year involving the highest level of narcotics traffickers.

In FY 2002-03 this grant provided funding in the amount of \$162,650. Funding for FY 2003-04 will be \$169,818. This action seeks authorization to apply for continued funding for FY 2003-04.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Administrative Analyst Mario Lara) on May 8, 2003 and the Office of County Counsel (Deputy County Counsel Scott M. Runyan) on May 7, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** This grant will provide funding in the amount of \$169,818 to support the program during FY 2003-04. Appropriation and revenue related to the program are included in the proposed FY 2003-04 budget.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** ALL

**PRESENTER:** James B. Hackleman, Assistant District Attorney (909) 387-6601

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